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### Corn Harvest Advances Rapidly

The dry weather last week allowed Maryland farmers to advance **corn harvested for grain** by 28 percent over the previous week. Corn for grain is 47 percent harvested, 24 percent ahead of both last year and the five year average. Corn condition is rated in mostly poor to very poor condition. Yields are reported to be significantly lower than last year, especially in non-irrigated fields. **Corn harvested for silage** is nearing completion at 93 percent, 16 percent ahead of last year, and 28 percent ahead of the average.

**Soybean** development continues ahead of normal with 74 percent **turning color**, 30 percent more than last year, and 35 percent more than the five year average. Thirty-seven percent are dropping leaves, 16 percent more than last year, and 19 percent more than the average. Harvesting activities have begun in some areas.

Dry weather dominated the week with the exception of a few showers. The Eastern Shore received slightly more than one inch of precipitation in most areas last week, while Western Maryland received a half inch or less. The rain should improve **pasture** conditions which are in mostly fair to poor condition. Pasture is rated 17 percent very poor, 34 percent poor, 37 percent fair, and 12 percent good. **Topsoil** is rated 24 percent adequate, 58 percent short, and 18 percent very short. Eighteen percent of **subsoil** is rated 15 percent in adequate supply, 48 percent short, and 37 percent very short.

### MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 22, 2002 (PERCENT)

ITEM	THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE 1997-2001
Harvesting Progress:				
Apples	48	46	36	36
Corn, for grain	47	19	23	23
Corn, for silage	93	80	77	65
Lima beans, for processing only	60	50	79	- -
Snap beans	93	90	97	94
Sorghum	5	- -	17	12
Sweet Corn	96	91	97	98
Tobacco	92	90	88	90
Tomatoes	96	90	96	98
Crop Progress:				
Corn, dent	95	89	96	93
Corn, mature	89	77	77	64
Sorghum, turning color	39	23	65	66
Sorghum, mature	20	- -	22	19
Soybeans, turning color	74	48	44	39
Soybeans, dropping leaves	37	29	21	18
Hay Harvested:				
Other hay, 3 <sup>rd</sup> cutting	83	82	90	84
Other hay, 4 <sup>th</sup> cutting	25	12	49	44
Alfalfa, 4 <sup>th</sup> cutting	67	50	77	61

### CROP CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 22, 2002 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	43	26	19	10	2
Sorghum	5	20	43	32	0
Soybeans	32	26	27	15	0
Range & Pasture	17	34	37	12	0

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